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	Group Art Unit	1762
	Examiner Name	B.K. Talbot
	Attorney Docket Number	03500.014385.

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In re Application of:

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IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS,)
AND DEVICE FOR)
MANUFACTURING THE)
ELECTRONIC DEVICE)

Examiner: B.K. Talbot

Group Art Unit: 1762

March 20, 2004

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Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, Applicants request a refund of \$310.00 for a second month extension fee, which was erroneously charged to our Deposit Account 06-1205. It is requested that the refund be applied as a credit to that Deposit Account. The reason for the refund is explained below.

On December 29, 2003, Applicants submitted a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) and Amendment along with a check for \$110.00 for a one month

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extension fee (see attached copies of the RCE, Amendment and a postcard acknowledging receipt of the documents and check). No additional extension fees were due at that time.

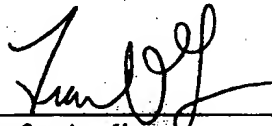
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Applicants' attorneys received a Monthly Statement of Deposit Account, dated January, 2004, (copy attached) indicating that Deposit Account No. 06-1205 was charged \$310.00. It is respectfully submitted that this charge is not warranted.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby request a refund and authorizes the Commissioner to credit Deposit Account No. 06-1205 in the amount of \$310.00, to resolve this matter.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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SEIJI MISHIMA ET AL.

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Filed: December 11, 2000

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING ELECTRONIC
DEVICE, ELECTRONIC SOURCE AND IMAGE
FORMING APPARATUS, AND DEVICE FOR
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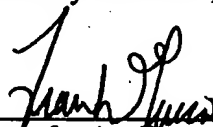
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith. Preliminary to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: the claims changes are reflected in the listing beginning at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 11.

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IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electronic device, comprising the steps of:

moving, relative to each other, a droplet ejecting portion of an ink jet device and a substrate, to which ~~[[a]] droplets are~~ [[is]] to be ejected, ~~relatively in an in-surface direction along a droplet-receiving surface of said the~~ substrate, and detecting a distance between ~~said the~~ ejecting portion and ~~[[a]] the droplet-receiving given surface on said of~~ the substrate; and

ejecting toward a plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate at plural times at a predetermined time interval ~~intermittently~~ the droplets of a liquid containing material for forming the electronic device, wherein the predetermined time interval is controlled based on a result of the detecting ~~upon the moving under a control of the distance based on a detection result.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electronic device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detecting of the distance includes a step of

measuring the distances between ~~said the~~ ejecting portion and ~~predetermined the plurality~~ of portions separated mutually on the substrate.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electronic device as claimed in claim, 1 wherein the detecting of the distance includes a step of measuring a distance between ~~said the~~ ejecting portion and one or some of ~~predetermined the plurality of~~ portions separated mutually on the substrate.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electronic device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detecting of the distance includes a step of measuring a distance between ~~said the~~ ejecting portion and one or some of ~~predetermined the plurality of~~ portions separated mutually on the substrate, and a step of calculating the distances between ~~said the~~ ejecting portion and others of ~~predetermined the plurality of~~ portions separated mutually on the substrate, based on the result of the measuring.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electronic device, comprising the steps of:

~~moving, relative to each other,~~ a droplet ejecting portion of an ink jet device and a substrate, to which ~~[[a]] droplets are [[is]]~~ to be ejected, ~~relatively in an in-surface~~

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direction along a droplet-receiving surface of ~~said the~~ substrate, and while detecting a distance between ~~said the~~ ejection portion and ~~[[a]] the droplet-receiving given surface on~~ ~~said of the~~ substrate; and

ejecting toward a plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate at plural times intermittently at a predetermined time interval the droplets of a liquid containing material for forming the electronic device, wherein the predetermined time interval is controlled based on ~~upon the moving, a timing of the ejecting varied according~~ to a result of the detecting.

8.-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electronic device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ ink jet device is of a ~~system of giving a type~~ that imparts thermal energy to the liquid to produce a bubble, ~~[[to]]~~ thereby to eject the a droplet.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electronic device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ ink jet device is of a ~~system of ejecting type~~ that ejects the droplets by means of a piezo-electric element.

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20. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electron source having a plurality of ~~electron emission elements~~ electron-emitting devices, comprising the steps of:

~~moving, relative to each other,~~ a droplet ejecting portion of an ink jet device and a substrate, to which ~~[[a]] droplets are [[is]] to be ejected, relatively in an in-surface direction along a droplet-receiving surface of said the substrate; and;~~

~~detecting a distance between said the ejecting portion and [[a]] the droplet-receiving given surface on said of the substrate; and~~

~~ejecting to a plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate at plural times intermittently at a predetermined time interval the droplets of a liquid containing material for forming a conductive member of the electron-emitting device, wherein the predetermined time interval is determined based on a result of the detecting upon the moving under controlling the distance based on a detection result.~~

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electron source as claimed in claim 20, wherein the detecting of the distance includes a step of measuring the distances between ~~said the~~ ejecting portion and ~~predetermined and the~~ plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate.

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23. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electron source as claimed in claim 20, wherein the detecting of the distance includes a step of measuring a distance between ~~said~~ the ejecting portion and one or some of ~~predetermined~~ the plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electron source as claimed in claim 20, wherein the detecting of the distance includes a step of measuring a distance between ~~said~~ the ejecting portion and one or some of ~~predetermined~~ plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate, and a step of calculating the distances between ~~said~~ the ejecting portion and others of the ~~predetermined~~ plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate, based on a result of the measuring.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electron source having a plurality of electron-emitting devices, comprising the steps of:
moving, relative to each other, a droplet ejection portion on an ink jet device and a substrate, to which ~~[[a]]~~ droplets are ~~[[is]]~~ to be ejected, ~~relatively~~ in an ~~in-surface~~ direction along a droplet-receiving surface of ~~said~~ the substrate, and while detecting a distance between ~~said~~ the ejecting portion and ~~[[a]]~~ the droplet-receiving ~~given~~ surface on ~~said~~ of the substrate; and

ejecting to a plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate at plural times ~~intermittently~~ at a predetermined time interval the droplets of a liquid containing material for forming the ~~electronic~~ electron-emitting device upon the moving, a timing of the ejecting varied according to wherein the predetermined interval is controlled based on a result of the detecting.

27. - 70. (Cancelled)

71. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electron source as claimed in claim 20, wherein ~~said the~~ ink jet device is of a ~~system of giving a type that imparts~~ thermal energy to the liquid to produce a bubble, ~~[[to]]~~ thereby to eject the a droplet.

72. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electron source as claimed in claim 20, wherein ~~said the~~ ink jet device is of a ~~system of ejecting type that ejects~~ the droplets by means of a piezo-electric element.

73. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an image forming apparatus having an electron source and an image forming member onto which electrons are irradiated from ~~said the~~ electron source, ~~characterized in that said~~ wherein the electron source is one that has been manufactured by a method as claimed in claim 20.

74. - 94. (Cancelled)

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95. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electronic device as claimed in claim 7, wherein ~~said~~ the ink jet device ejects the liquid droplet by applying thermal energy to the liquid to generate a bubble in the liquid.

96. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electronic device as claimed in claim 7, wherein ~~said~~ the ink jet device ejects the liquid droplet by means of a piezo-electric element.

97. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electron source as claimed in claim 26, wherein ~~said~~ the ink jet device ejects the liquid droplets by applying thermal energy to the liquid to generate a bubble in the liquid.

98. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electron source as claimed in claim 26, wherein ~~said~~ the ink jet device ejects the liquid droplets by means of a piezo-electric element.

99. (New) A method of manufacturing an electronic device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the detecting of the distance includes a step of measuring the distance

between the ejecting portion and the plurality of portions separated mutually on the
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100. (New) A method of manufacturing an electronic device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the detecting of the distance includes a step of measuring a distance between the ejecting portion and one or some of the plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate.

101. (New) A method of manufacturing an electronic device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the detecting of the distance includes a step of measuring a distance between the ejecting portion and one or some of the plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate, and a step of calculating the distances between the ejecting portion and the others of the plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate, based on the result of the measuring.

102. (New) A method of manufacturing an electron source as claimed in claim 26, wherein the detecting of the distance includes a step of measuring the distances between the ejecting portion and the plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate.

103. (New) A method of manufacturing an electron source as claimed in

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claim 26, wherein the detecting of the distance includes a step of measuring a distance between the ejecting portion and one or some of the plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate. 2011 MAR 25 AM 9: 3

104. (New) A method of manufacturing an electron source as claimed in

claim 26, wherein the detecting of the distance includes a step of measuring a distance between the ejecting portion and one or some of the plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate, and a step of calculating the distances between the ejecting portion and the others of the plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate, based on the result of the measuring.

105. (New) A method of manufacturing an image forming apparatus

having an electron source and an image forming member onto which electrons are irradiated from the electron source, wherein the electron source is manufactured by a method as claimed in claim 26.

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated 2004 MAR 25 AM 9:32

August 29, 2003. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 18-20, 22-24, 26, 71-73 and 95-105 are presented for examination. Claims 6, 8, 25, 27, 44, 45, 52 and 53 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and will not be mentioned further. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 18-20, 22-24, 26, 71-73 and 95-98 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Claims 99-105 have been added to provide Applicants with a more complete scope of protection. Claims 1, 7, 20, and 26 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 18-20, 22-26, 71-73 and 95-98 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over either JP 10-58668A, JP 11-25852A, U.S. Patent 6,060,113 (Banno et al.) or EPA 736890 (Kobayashi et al.), in combination with JP 10-5654A or JP 06-163449A.

Independent Claim 1 is directed to a method of manufacturing an electronic device. The method comprises moving a droplet ejecting portion of an ink jet device and a substrate, to which droplets are to be ejected, relative to each other, in a direction along a droplet-receiving surface of the substrate, and detecting a distance between the ejecting portion and the droplet-receiving surface of the substrate. The method also includes ejecting toward a plurality of portions separated mutually on the substrate at plural times, and at a predetermined time interval, the droplets, which are of a liquid containing material

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for forming the electronic device. According to Claim 1, the predetermined time interval is controlled based on a result of the detecting.

As has been explained previously, an object of the present invention is to solve the problem posed by variations in the position on a substrate onto which liquid droplets are ejected using an ink jet liquid ejection system (this technique is often used in the manufacture of various types of semiconductor circuitry, and great precision in the placement of the droplets is of high importance). The method of Claim 1 enables the position to be corrected in a manner that avoids the problems of the prior art.

The prior art relied upon in the Office Action has been discussed in detail previously, and it is not believed to be necessary to repeat that discussion in full detail. The Office Action states that the four primary references each fail to disclose measuring the distance between the ejecting portion and the substrate, as recited in Claim 1, and relies upon the two secondary references for that feature.

In the systems of JP10-5654 and JP 06-163499, a distance between a substrate and a nozzle is varied and controlled. However, neither of these documents discloses or suggests that a droplet ejecting portion of an ink jet device and a substrate to which droplets are to be ejected are moved relative to each other, the liquid droplets are ejected toward to the substrate a plurality times at a predetermined time interval, and controlling the time interval based on a result of detecting a distance between the ejecting portion and the substrate, as is done in the method recited in Claim 1.

For at least that reason, Claim 1 is believed to be clearly allowable over the proposed combinations of the prior art (assuming for argument's sake that those combinations would be permissible).

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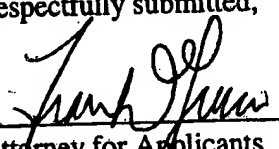
Independent Claims 7, 20, and 26 each recite features that are similar in relevant respects to the recitation of Claim 1 discussed above, and also are believed clearly patentable over those references, for substantially the same reasons as is Claim 1.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration or reconsideration, as the case may be, of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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